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Message:

- Redistricting Fort Bliss would put it in the 23rd congressional district, whose home office is in San Antonio, over 600 miles away.
- Representative Escobar is already seated on the House Armed Forces Committee, meaning we would be losing a voice on a powerful committee advocating for the growth and prosperity of Fort Bliss.
- This is a purely political move to enhance Republican control over the 23rd district, it is not in the interest of soldiers who currently are within driving distance to their representatives
- Businesses are drawn to our area due to our tight relationship with Fort Bliss, a movement in congressional districts could ruin that.
- The City of El Paso would lose nearly \$24 billion in economic development (including memorandum of agreement)
- UTEP and the county are likely to lose billions of money that is being pumped into Fort Bliss (research, etc)
- Gonzalez has been in office for one year, making it unlikely for him to be in a position of power in DC and stand up for Fort Bliss
- Gonzalez may not request as much money for a base not in his direct area considering that we are so far away. His interests may lay elsewhere in his district, closer to the majority of constituents.

It is the opinion of the Hispanic Chamber that redistricting Fort Bliss would be a major blow to the business community and the livelihood of El Paso, we ask that the Texas House continue to include Fort Bliss in District 16.

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